

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Honorable Barbara Haynes on the occasion of her retirement as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge Barbara Haynes is one such noteworthy jurist who has served Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County with distinction since her election as Judge of Division I of the General Session Court in 1982, and subsequent elections to the Third Circuit Court since 1990; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary twenty-nine-year tenure on the bench, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, a 1955 graduate of Isaac Litton High School in Nashville, Judge Haynes obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in 1959 from the University of Tennessee, where she was President of Pi Beta Phi, a member of the Mortar Board, Torchbearer, and included in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Judge Haynes earned her Juris Doctorate of Law at the Nashville School of Law, graduating second in her class after serving as President of the Honor Council and a member of Cooper's Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, prior to her illustrious career as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, Barbara Haynes rendered sterling service as a legal assistant on the staff of a member of the United States Congress and then as an attorney in the law firm of Haynes and Haynes for five years; and

WHEREAS, seeking to serve her community, Barbara Haynes was elected Judge of Division I of the General Sessions Court of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in 1982, and subsequently won election to the Third Circuit Court in 1990, 1998, and 2006; and

WHEREAS, from 1986 until 1994, Judge Barbara Haynes served as Chair of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission which undertook a comprehensive review of the sentencing guidelines contained in the Tennessee Code Annotated that resulted in the enactment of major legislation that extensively revised the criminal statutes of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, respected by her peers and colleagues for her keen insight and commitment to public service, Judge Haynes has served as President of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges, Presiding Judge of the State Trial Courts, member of the Advisory Commission for Civil, Criminal and Appellate Rules, member of the Legislative Committee for the Nashville Bar Association, and co-chair for the Legal Aid Society 2009 Campaign; and

WHEREAS, a Fellow and member of the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association and the Nashville Bar Association, Judge Barbara Haynes is a distinguished member of a number of legal organizations, including the American Judges Society, Tennessee Trial Lawyers, Lawyers Association For Women, National Association of Women Judges, and the American Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, a charter member of the Tennessee Women Forum, Judge Barbara Haynes is a member of the League of Women Voters, the Nashville Political Caucus, Leadership Nashville Alumni Association, Friend's of Children's Hospital, Friends of Cheekwood, the American Association of University Women, Ida's Friends, and a charter member of CABLE; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, she has also contributed her time and energies to numerous civic-minded organizations and endeavors, including the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, the American Cancer Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Nashville Women's Political Caucus, All About Women, the Girl Scouts of America, Project Pencil – Adopt-A-School, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Judge Barbara Haynes has been awarded the ACLU Freedom Award, the William M. Leech Public Service Award by the

Tennessee Bar Association, the IRIS Award – Woman of Distinction, the John C. Tune Public Service Award by the Nashville Bar Association, the Justice Frank F. Drowota, III Outstanding Judicial Service Award, the National Association of Women Judges Recognition Award, and the YWCA's Academy for Women of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, she was named T-LAW Woman of the Year in 1989, entered the Harry Phillips Inn of Court in 1992, was a recipient of the University of Tennessee's Centennial Leader Award in 1997 and the First Annual Champion of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, and winner of the 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Litton High Alumni Association, in addition to receiving an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Argosy University in 2006; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love she has shared with her husband and our colleague, Senator Joe M. Haynes; their three children, Jeffrey N. Haynes, Scott K. Haynes, and Amanda Haynes Young; and their seven grandchildren, William Campbell Haynes, Benjamin Hardin Haynes, Richard Furman Haynes, Madden Haynes Young, Adam Gillespie Young, Caroline Davis Haynes, and Mary Neely Young; and

WHEREAS, Judge Haynes exemplifies the allegiance to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before her court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Judge Barbara Haynes our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from her voluminous duties as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, applaud her years of dedicated public service and wise counsel, and wish her every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.